



## **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE FROM WELLESLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND WELLESLEY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

Dear Members of the Wellesley Public Schools Community,

We write to provide you with a coronavirus update as we conclude the Thanksgiving holiday weekend and look ahead to the reopening of schools on Tuesday. First, we have documented 9 new cases since Thursday including two cases at WHS, two cases at WMS, three cases at Upham, one case at Schofield, and one case at Sprague. Cases have included both students and staff and are reflected in the online [WPS Case Tracking Tool](#).

The new cases at Upham have occurred in a single classroom. Following our [school-based responses to the virus](#) developed by the Wellesley Public Schools and the Wellesley Health Department, that individual classroom will now shift to remote learning beginning Tuesday, December 1st, through Tuesday, December 8th.

All remaining district staff and WMS students will be tested this week on Tuesday and Wednesday, following our adjusted weekly testing cycle. (We should receive those results tomorrow night.) We thank the many volunteers who worked throughout the week distributing testing kits and supporting today's drop-off process in Boston and at WHS.

Finally, we know that a great deal of anxiety exists around the potential impact of Thanksgiving travel and family gatherings, which may not manifest itself immediately. We remind students, staff, and other members of our community how important it is to follow the [protocols regarding travel issued by the Massachusetts Department of Health](#). **If you have traveled for the holiday, please remember to complete the Massachusetts travel form and quarantine for 14 days or have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of arriving.** If you or someone in your household is symptomatic, please do not send your student(s) to school until you have been tested and/or have quarantined. [The chart](#) we have posted on the WPS website provides a summary of these timelines. If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse or the Wellesley Health Department for more details.

Following the MA travel rules, along with wearing a mask, social distancing, hand washing, and avoiding large-group gatherings remain critical for everyone as we strive to keep our schools open and our community safe during this current surge in cases. Remember, we are all in this together!

Sincerely,  
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